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OF DELAYS IN U.S. RATIFICATION

SUMMARY: SPANISH PRESS AGAIN FOCUSES ON DELAYS IN THE US RATIFICATION PROCESS, RELATING THESE PRINCIPALLY TO THE PROBLEMS WITH THE TURKISH AND GREEK AGREEMENTS, THE QUESTION OF AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS, AND THE PELL AMENDMENT TO THE EAGLETON-CLARK RESOLUTION. END SUMMARY.

1. APRIL 20 SPANISH PRESS HIGHLIGHTS REPORTS OUT OF WASHINGTON BY THE OFFICIAL SPANISH WIRE SERVICE (EFE) THAT, WHILE US RATIFICATION OF THE TREATY CONTINUES TO BE FIRMLY EXPECTED, FURTHER DELAYS IN THE PROCESS ARE OCCURRING. THIS CONCERN CENTERS ON THE POLEMIC WHICH HAS ARISEN REGARDING THE AGREEMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH TURKEY AND GREECE AND THAT WHICH EFE REPORTS IS EXPECTED WITH

THE PHILIPPINES. CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IS ALSO DEVOTED TO SENATOR PELL'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ADDITION TO THE EAGLETON CLARK RESOLUTION "INFORMACIONES" ALBERTI VALVERDE WRITES FROM NEW YORK THAT THIS APPEARS DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH THE CONCERNS OF SOME US LEGISLATORS, NOTABLY SENATOR HUMPHREY THAT FURTHER NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH SPAIN SHOULD BE CONDITIONED ON SPANISH RATIFICATION OF THE NPT. VALVERDE ATTRVIUTES TO HIS SOURCES ON THE HILL THE VIEW THAT THE LANGUAGE PUT FORWARDED BY PELL WILL ASSURE SENATE SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION, LEAVING AS THE ONLY STUMBLING BLOCK FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT TO RATICICATION THE QUESTION OF MULTI YEAR AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS.

- 2. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS (DURAN) HAS ASKED US WHAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PELL AMEMNDMENT IS. HE WONDERS WHETHER IT IS IN PART AN EFFORT TO PRESS FOR BRINGING THOSE SPANISH NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH THE FRENCH UNDER IAEA PROCEDURES. (COMMENT: IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE DEPT COULD THROW SOME LIGHT ON THIS.)
- 3. PRESS REPORTS ALSO NOTE THAT SENATE FOREIGN
 RELATIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF THE TREATY WILL RESUME
 NEXT WEEK AND THAT US RATIFICATION IS STILL LIKELY BEFORE THE
 KING'S VISIT IN EARLY JUNE. NEVERTHELESS, EACH SUGGESTION OF
 A NEW PROBLEM CONTINUES TO BRING IMMEDIATE EXPRESSIONS OF
 CONCERN FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, IN PART ON THE GROUNDS THAT
 THESPANISH ADVICE AND CONSENT PROCESS IN THE CORTES MAY BE THEREBY
 MADE MORE DIFFICULT. IN THIS REGARD, THE TREATY WAS PUBLISHED
 APRIL 19 IN THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF THE CORTES, THUS INITIATING
 A 20 DAY PERIOD IN WHICH SPANISH LEGISLATORS MAY SUBMIT PROPOSALS.
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